



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Ramona West End Fuel Break II		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	Approx. 5 miles west of downtown Ramona; Sections 36 T13S, R1W, SBBM located on the San Pasqual and San Vicente Reservoir 7.5' USGS Quad.	<b>COUNTY</b>	San Diego
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### Project Description

The Ramona West End Fuel Break II will stretch for about .75 to 1 miles long, tying into an existing fuel break making the two continuous. It will protect the Ramona West End community from a wind driven wildfire. The Ramona West End community is dotted with homes throughout the chaparral ecosystem. Even though the majority of the homes have proper vegetation clearance, the homeowners and CAL FIRE are concerned about the heavy fuel loading surrounding the community. A fuel break will spatially separate the 6 to 10 foot high mixed chaparral which consist of highly flammable brush species, near the developed area, The clearance will provide and egress/ingress safety corridor for residents and emergency personnel. The clearance will be 50 to 75 feet on each side of Snuz Mountain Road. The roadside fuel break will have irregular edges to minimize the visual appearance. The work will be preformed by hand crews using chainsaws to cut the brush. The brush shall be cut at the base of the plant, leaving the root system intact, which will help prevent erosion and stabilize the soil. All live trees located within the roadside fuel break boundary will be limbed up. All slash generated during the project shall be chipped and spread on-site.

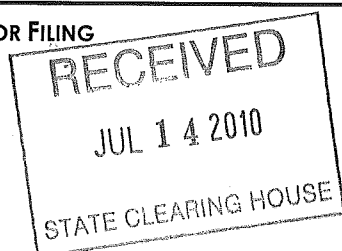
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class §15304 Minor Alterations to Land Class 4 (i)  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project is exempt under CEQA Categorical Exemption §15304 Minor Alterations to Land. The Ramona West End Fuel Break II borders several homes. Most of the homes are within 100 feet or closer to the project boundary. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's MVU Headquarters.

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